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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF PC VOLUNTEER

FOR AMBASSADOR HECK FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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1. THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REFTEL WAS RAISED AND DISCUSSED
IN BOGOTA 1605 PARA 6. TO ELABORATE FURTHER, HOWEVER, I
WOULD ESTIMATE THAT JUDICIAL AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL
FACTORS WOULD PROBABLY RESTRAIN PRESIDENT LOPEZ FROM PUTTING
SEVERE PRESSURE ON THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SUCH
AS BY DIRECTLY THREATENING ITS LEGALITY. HOWEVER, I THINK THERE IS A
CHANCE THAT HE COULD BE MOVED TO DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH TOP
PARTY LEADERS AND THAT THIS MANIFESTATION OF HIS INTEREST
COULD PROMPT THE PARTY TO CAUTION THE FARC AGAINST KILLING
STARR. TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO DO THIS WOULD PROBABLY
REQUIRE A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER LIEVANO. A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO LOPEZ
WOULD BE EVEN BETTER, AND EITHER METHOD WOULD HAVE DESIRABLE
BONUS EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATING TO HIGH-LEVEL GOC LEADERSHIP
THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THIS CASE IS VIEWED BY USG.

2. AS FOR SCENARIO IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL, I AM AFRAID THAT A
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HUMANITARIAN APPEAL TO THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
BY SORZANO STANDS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE
OF SUCCESS. AS I INDICATED EARLIER, I WOULD HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS
ABOUT EXPOSING SORZANO IN THAT WAY BUT WE WOULD OF COURSE SET UP
SUCH A MEETING IF TASK FORCE SEES NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.
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